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Mr. Edward S. Witkowski
President
The Paderewski Foundation, Inc.
55 West 42nd Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Witkowski:

Thank you very much for your letter of 13 November inviting me to become a member of the Paderewski Centennial Committee for 1960.

While I am genuinely honored, it is sincerely regretted that I will be unable to accept membership in the Committee. Since assuming my present position, I have adhered to a policy of not joining various organizations irrespective of the purpose, or granting the use of my name as a sponsor. However, I am aware of the worthy aims of the proposed Centennial observance and the great effort being made by the Paderewski Foundation to pay tribute to this great man.

I am sure you understand my position, and I appreciate your courtesy in asking me to become a member of the Centennial Committee.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

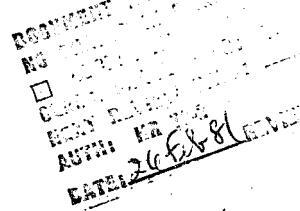
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